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DEPT ALSO FOR SY/FO; MANILA FOR RCO

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ACOM, ASEC

SUBJECT: PROTECTIVE VOICE RADIO PROGRAM

REF: STATE 179073

1. RE PARA 1 REFTTEL: TWO PUBLICATIONS ISSUED BY POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT BEING POUCHED DEPARTMENT SOONEST.
2. RE PARA 5 REFTTEL: (1) THE SUBJECT OF RECIPROCITY HAS NOT COME UP IN ANY DISCUSSIONS THIS PROGRAM AND WE DOUBT VERY MUCH IT WILL; (2) AUSTRALIAN CONCERN/OBJECTION BASED SOLELY ON TECHNICAL/LEGAL GROUNDS.
3. RCO, RSO AND CRO MET WITH DISTRICT RADIO INSPECTOR CANBERRA (DRICAN) SEPTEMBER 3 AND HE AGAIN EXPRESSED HIS "AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE" TO OUR PROPOSED NETWORK BUT STATED THAT ALTHOUGH HE HAD RECOMMENDED APPROVAL TO HIS SUPERIORS, IT HAD BEEN REJECTED AS "THE EQUIPMENT DOES NOT COMPLY WITH CONDITIONS SET DOWN GOVERNING RADIO NETS IN AUSTRALIA". DRICAN SUGGESTED DIRECT APPROACH TO FOREIGN MINISTRY BY NOTE AS BEING POSSIBLE WAY RESOLVE IMPASSE. WE ARE RELUCTANT USE THIS APPROACH UNTIL ALL OTHER AVENUES APPROACH EXHAUSTED.

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4. RSO AND CRO VISITED PMG CENTRAL OFFICE (RADIO

BRANCH) IN MELBOURNE OCTOBER 15 FOR LENGTHY DISCUSSION THIS PROGRAM. OFFICIALS THERE ALSO IN "AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE" BUT STATED THEY UNABLE AGREE TO "FULL-TIME OPERATION" OF 80 WATT TRANSMITTERS. AUSTRALIAN REGULATIONS REGARDING "POWER OF STATIONS" READS AS FOLLOWS: "THE POWER OF AN AUTHORISED STATION SHALL BE AS APPROVED BY THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT AND SHALL NOT BE ALTERED WITHOUT ITS CONSENT. EXCEPT IN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES, FOR V.H.F. BASE STATIONS, COMBINATIONS OF TRANSMITTER POWER AND AERIAL GAIN SHALL NOT EXCEED 83 WATTS EXCLUDING POWER LOSSES INCURRED IN AERIAL FEEDER CABLES. THE LICENSED TRANSMITTER OUTPUT POWER, SHALL NOT EXCEED: BASE STATIONS - 50 WATTS; MOBILE STATIONS - 25 WATTS; LOW POWERED PERSONAL MOBILE STATIONS - 1 WATT. WHERE SERVICES ARE AUTHORISED TO USE FREQUENCIES IN MEDIUM OR HIGH FREQUENCY BANDS, TRANSMITTER POWERS OF BOTH BASE AND MOBILE STATIONS SHALL, AS A GENERAL RULE, BE LIMITED TO 25 WATTS."

5. CONSENSUS OF OPINION IS THERE ARE VARIOUS MEANS BY WHICH POWER OF OUR EQUIPMENT CAN BE REDUCED TO MEET THESE REGULATIONS AND THAT THE PMG WOULD AGREE TO USE OF THE TRANSMITTER IN THE COM VEHICLE AT FULL 80 WATTS DURING AN EMERGENCY SITUATION.

6. PMG ENGINEERING DIVISION DOES REQUIRE THOROUGH EXAMINATION OF EQUIPMENT (FREQUENCY ACCURACY, ETC.) PRIOR PERMITTING USE IN AUSTRALIA. CRO HAS AGREED FURNISH AN MT-76 TO THE ENGINEERING DIVISION IN SYDNEY FOR THEIR TESTS WHICH WILL TAKE APPROXIMATELY 4 OR 5 DAYS. ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE TO TURNOVER THE MT-76 THIS FRIDAY MORNING (172300Z). ONCE APPROVAL TO USE THIS TYPE EQUIPMENT IS GIVEN, A DECISION WILL HAVE TO BE MADE REGARDING BEST MEANS REDUCING POWER TO MEET AUSTRALIAN REGULATIONS AND STILL MEET OUR REQUIREMENTS.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: ADVISE BY IMMEDIATE TEL PRIOR TO 170700Z OCTOBER IF DEPARTMENT OBJECTS TO RELEASE AN MT-76 TO PMG FOR TESTING AND IF SO, SUGGESTED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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